TRANSPORT be pleased to state the details of the proposed projects, for the development of the National Highway in Kerala together with the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Demands for Grants for 1992-93 contain a provision for sanction of new development works costing Rs. 123.13 crores on National Highways in Kerala, with likely expenditure of Rs. 488 lakhs in the current financial year.

Atomic Absorption Meter in Government Hospitals of Delhi

*31. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Atomic Absorption Meter (Blood Scan Machine) are not available in the Government Hospitals in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the patients are compelled to go to Toxicology Blood Poison Test Laboratory, Lucknow, Madras or to a private MRI, Sudarshan Aggarwal Hospital, Curzon Road, New Delhi;

(c) the number of patients including VVIPs who were referred by the AIIMS New Delhi and PGI, Chandigarh to Toxicology Poison Test Laboratory, Lucknow during the last year; alongwith the deaths of patients occuring due to time factor owing to visit to Lucknow;

(d) whether Government propose to instal Atomic Absorption Meter immediately in AIIMS, New Delhi and PGI, Chandigarh; and

(e) if so, by when this machine is likely to be installed there?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (e) The question probably refers to an Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer which is used for detecting metalic trace elements in the blood. Normally, such sophisticated machines are not available in Government hospitals and are usually assigned to research institutions. The machine is available at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh which have been conducting approximately 150 test per months on their Atomic Absorption Spectophotometer. Very few cases have been referred to ITRC, Lucknow due to non-avaliability of gas at certain periods. The P.G.I. Chandigarh is engaged in blood testing for several toxic matters like arsenic, lead, copper, zinc and magnesium.

The Sudershan Aggarwal Diagnostic Centre, New Delhi does not possess any such machine.

At the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, the machine was being used for research on fertility control. Efforts were made to get it repaired but the same could not be achieved as the equipment was found to be beyond repair.

It has been decided to acquire a new machine for A.I.I.M.S.

Increase in the prices of petroleum products

*32. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of petroleum products except Kerosene for domestic use have been increased heavily with effect from 15.9.92;

(b) if so, the details of the increase made in the prices of different petroleum products; and

(c) the reasons for increasing the prices when the international prices of Crude and Petroleum products are on the downturn?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) In order

to partially reduce the increasing deficit of the Oil Industry keeping in view the costs, the price of petroleum products except SKO for domestic use were increased with effect from 16.9.1992. The increases in the ex-storage prices of the major petroleum products are shown in the statement enclosed.

Statement

Increases made in the ex-storage price of major petroleum products w.e.f. 16.9.1992

	Product	Increase in Rs. per selling Unit.
(i)	Motor Sprit	997.10
(ii)	High Speed Diesel	997.10
(iii)	S.K.O. (for Industrial use)	1337.05
(iv)	Naphtha (Fertilizer use)	997.10
(v)	Naphtha (Other than Fert. use)	1660.56
(vi)	Furnace oil	997.10
(vii)	L.S.H.S	997.10
(viii)	LPG (packed domestic and bulk exempted)	997.10
(ix)	LPG (Other Categories)	5711.25

बसों के लिए एस०टी०ए० लाइसेंसों का जारी किया जाना

*33. **श्री राम नरेश यादव:** क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन महीनों के दौरान सरकार द्वारा दिल्ली में बसों को चलाने के लिए जारी किए गए एस०टी०ए० लाइसेंसों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या डी०टी०सी० (दिल्ली परिवहन निगम) के रियायती पास-धारक विद्यार्थियों को उक्त बसों में यात्रा करने की अनुमति है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो विद्यार्थियों को यह सुविधा कब तक उपलब्ध कराये जाने की संभावना है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर): (क) राज्य परिवहन प्राधिकरण, दिल्ली ने अगस्त से अक्टूबर, 1992 तक 6 व्हाईटलाईन तथा 595 रैडलाइन बसों को परमिट जारी किए।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) स्पेशल स्टेज कैरिज परमिटों की स्कीम के अन्तर्गत दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के पास धारक छात्रों को इन बसों में मुफ्त में यात्रा करने की अनुमति देने का कोई प्रावधान नहीं है।

*34. *[Transferred to 9th December, 1992]*

High content of nickel in chocolates

*35. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
SHRI G.G. SWELL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Environment or Research Laboratory, Lucknow has stated in one of its reports that in chocolates of all major companies toxic metal nickel has been found four hundred times more than its permissible limit;

(b) whether it is a fact that the use of chocolates containing nickel can cause cancer; and

(c) if so, by when the committee formed by Government to inquire into this matter would submit its report and on